

STATE FILES ON FT. GRANT LAND

Two Thousand Acres Are
Selected and Include
Fifty-five Buildings

3,280 ACRES IN SELECTION

Fort Grant, Established in 1872,
Was One of the Largest Mil-
itary Posts in Southwest

With but three days remaining of the three-year period fixed by act of congress, the State land department Tuesday filed its selection of 2,000 acres at Fort Grant, one of the most important grants ever made to the State. The fifty-five buildings at the old military post, now used as a State industrial school, and valued conservatively at \$240,000, are included with the land.

Delay in the survey of the land by the government was responsible for the postponement of the State's selections until this week. By the act of congress of August 13, 1912, the State was given permission to select 2,000 acres at the Fort Grant military post, providing the selections were made within three years of the date of approval of the act. But a small portion of the tract had at that time been surveyed, and until the plats were filed in the land office the State could do nothing toward acquiring the rich grant of buildings and land. The grant comes under that of 100,000 acres made for reformatory and charitable institutions and the 2,000 acres will be subtracted from that total.

The selection of the land and filing the records in the very short period which remained is considered a record in the annals of the State land selection. The plats were not filed in the local land office until August 4th and the State land department was notified the following day. Deputy State Land Commissioner Trippe at once communicated with Commissioner Moer, who was in the north and acting under his direction by wire recalled the land selectors from San Simon to Wilcox. A map of the section was prepared at the office of the land department, together with other data regarding the land, and with these Engineer Kooztz went to Fort Grant last Friday night. The selections were promptly made, the papers prepared and filed Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

After a careful examination of the property at Fort Grant, the old land commission reported to the governor that "the magnitude and importance of the property can hardly be realized." The fifty-five buildings comprising the post were then appraised at \$248,810, while the cost of putting them in good repair was estimated at \$23,725. In addition there are 2,000 acres of land, most of it susceptible of irrigation, and valued at from \$5.00 to \$25.00 per acre. In addition to this land there are two school sections lying within the tract, which automatically revert to the State, making the total acreage 3,280. The school sections are in addition to and not a part of the grant.

The military post at Fort Grant, one of the largest in the southwest, was established in 1872, when a large garrison was kept in southeastern Arizona against the Apaches. It lies at the western base of the towering Graham mountains, and overlooks the Sulphur Springs valley. The altitude of the site is a little less than 5,000 feet. Since 1912 the old post has been occupied by the State industrial school, permission having been granted by the Interior Department in anticipation of the filing of the selections by the State.

The post is composed of fifty-five buildings, most of which are still in fair shape. They are built around a parade ground 675 feet square. The land, part of which is under cultivation, is all considered susceptible of agriculture, there being a good supply of water from the nearby mountains.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Jack Caton, of San Francisco, an employee of the Foster Amusement Co., met with a painful accident while the company was in Pima last week. A gasoline lamp exploded, throwing the burning fluid over his left arm and side, inflicting severe burns. Mr. Caton came to Safford to receive medical treatment. He will be able to leave with the company when it starts for New Mexico next week.

MAKING A SUCCESS

T. E. Pulliam, Supt. of Industrial School, Reports Better Conditions at Grant

T. E. Pulliam, Superintendent of the State Industrial School, at Ft. Grant, was a visitor in town this week, coming over from Ft. Grant Monday night, to attend to some business matters relating to the school.

Mr. Pulliam reports that the conditions at the school have greatly improved and that everything regarding the administration of the State's industrial home for boys and girls is working satisfactorily.

At the present time there are about 200 acres of land under cultivation and good crops of oats and barley have been harvested, and so far about 50 tons of hay have been stored under sheds. Of this acreage, about 80 are in corn, 15 in Irish potatoes and 10 in beans for late crops. They also have about 5 acres in garden vegetables, tomatoes, turnips, sweet potatoes, etc. All this land is tilled by the boys, under the supervision of an expert farmer, and the boys like the work.

On less than two acres the boys harvested about 9,600 pounds of early potatoes, which is a very good showing.

Recently the boys completed the fencing of two sections, the boys doing all the work, cutting posts, digging holes and stringing the wire.

At the present time there are only five girls at the school and they are reported doing well. They do all the sewing for themselves and the boys. The girls also take care of a small poultry yard. Their building is situated about a quarter of a mile from the boys' quarters. The school will commence in September and besides carrying all the grades, a complete manual training outfit has been provided which will help the boys materially in cultivating the desire for learning a useful trade. A small printing plant has been installed.

The girls will have a new course in music this year, as well as domestic science.

Since Mr. Pulliam has been superintendent of the school he has succeeded in bringing order out of chaos. The boys are better behaved and go about their work willingly. The old order of things which was rapidly bringing the institute into disrepute, has been entirely changed and an administration is now in charge on broad lines and an earnest endeavor to make good citizens out of the boys and girls who are sent to the school.

Mr. Pulliam deserves great credit for the success he is making of the industrial school, and he also gives credit to the able assistance given him by those who are working with him to make the school a beneficial institution for boys and girls.

Mr. Pulliam left this morning for Ft. Grant.

New Yellow Dogs Received Degree

The members of the Safford Volunteer Fire Department held a social meeting at Fire Headquarters Tuesday evening, at which they enjoyed a sumptuous chicken banquet.

Previous to the banquet, six new candidates for the Yellow Dog Degree were initiated. The new Yellow Dogs are: E. W. Clayton, W. C. Faulkner, George P. Jacobson, Anthony Jacobson, Charles S. Gilpin and Dr. W. E. McWhirt. They are now full fledged members of the Yellow Dog Degree, S. V. F. D., and are allowed to give the sign of distress. Yellow Dogs not present, will take notice of the above.

After the banquet, speeches were made by the following: Major E. H. Roach, Foreman Tom Childers, Joe Sullivan, W. C. Faulkner, E. W. Clayton, Charles S. Gilpin, George P. Jacobson, Anthony Jacobson, Dr. W. E. McWhirt, Carl Schroeder, Ira Kempton, Charles Murphy and R. W. Fisher.

The fire ladders have created a fund into which is paid fines for breaking the rules, etc., and when the fund reaches a certain sum, they have a banquet for the members and the Yellow Dogs. Coming together for a social evening, they interchange views on betterments for the fire department and other subjects, which are timely, instructive and greatly enjoyed.

Buy Gila Valley Grown Products.

Beginning September 1st, I will be at my office on K street, Safford. Those wishing me to care for their children's eyes may find me at this place. Meantime, a postal card brings me to your door without additional price. "Ask your neighbor."

RECORD GRAIN CROP

Harvest of Wheat and Corn the Greatest Ever Grown In Any Country

Three billion bushels of corn, a billion and a half bushels of oats and a billion bushels of wheat are the prospects for the year's American harvest. Record crops of rye, wheat, sweet potatoes, tobacco, rice and hay are also predicted for the prosperous farmers, who planted 310,546,000 acres, or 10,000,000 acres more than last year, to the principal products.

The wheat crop is the greatest ever grown in any country and will be worth more than \$100,000,000, while the corn crop value may reach \$2,500,000,000.

Estimates of the principal crops announced by the department of agriculture are based on conditions August 1st, which show all crops to be greater than last year.

Interest is centered in wheat and corn. Both showed improvements over July conditions, though excessive rains and cold weather in the central states interfered with threshing. Oats also suffered in three states, but in other sections improvements more than offset this.

Corn prospects increased almost a hundred million bushels, the principal gains being Illinois, 30,000,000; Kansas, 24,000,000; Oklahoma 25,000,000; Nebraska, 15,000,000; Iowa, 14,000,000; Texas, 10,000,000.

Kansas showed a loss of 12,000,000 bushels in winter wheat, Oklahoma 6,000,000, Nebraska 4,000,000, Missouri 3,000,000, while Ohio and Indiana showed an increase of 3,000,000 each.

White potatoes promise to exceed the former record production by 103,000,000 bushels and sweet potatoes by 4,000,000.

PLANS ROOMING HOUSE

A. C. Brownlee, of El Paso, Texas, is preparing plans for the construction of a rooming house to contain thirty rooms, and to be centrally located. Mr. Brownlee will include in the plans apartments for light housekeeping.

Thatcher to Build Amusement Hall

Thatcher is to have a new cement block opera house. This building is much needed as the old one has become inadequate to the needs of the town.

A strong committee, composed of the business men of the town, has been busy for some time on the project and arranging the details and expect soon to complete the plans and let the contract. The building will be rushed to completion.

Every detail in this new building will be up-to-date and only the best material will be used under expert workmanship.

The people of Thatcher are enthusiastic over the prospects of having a new amusement hall, and claim that Thatcher has built more buildings by public subscription than any other town in the valley, and when they undertake a thing, it is sure to succeed.

New Highway Will Be Constructed

Judge P. C. Little, of Globe, arrived here Tuesday with the bond which was prepared to insure the government against loss and make the \$20,000 appropriated by the State legislature available for the construction of the highway between the new bridges across the Gila and San Carlos rivers, on the San Carlos Indian reservation.

Judge Little brought the bond here for the purpose of securing signers and succeeded in getting all the names needed for Graham County. He returned to Globe Tuesday evening, where he will get the remainder of sureties and then the bond will be sent to Washington for approval.

Lieutenant Stecker, superintendent of the reservation, will begin the work of constructing the highway as soon as the bond is approved in Washington.

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A Cough Remedy that Relieves

It's prepared from the healing Pine Balsam, Tar and Honey—all mixed in a pleasant, soothing Cough Syrup called Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Thousands have benefited by its use—no need of you enduring that annoying cough or risking a dangerous cold. Go to your druggist, ask for a 25c original bottle Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, start using at once and get rid of your cough.

STATE TAX LEVY

Will Be 54 Cents and Provides \$500,000 for Schools and Deficits

The State tax levy for 1915 was fixed Monday by the board of equalization at 54 cents, an increase of nine and one-half cents over the levy last year. The rate this year provides \$500,000 for the State school fund and includes also the appropriations made at the second special session of the legislature, amounting to approximately \$100,000.

The amount to be raised by taxation this year is \$2,265,723.25, an increase of \$454,573 over the budget of 1914. Of this increase about \$200,000 is needed to take care of deficits, all of which are provided for by the new levy.

The net reduction in the assessed valuation of the State, as determined by the board, was \$1,895,330, the bulk of the reductions having been made in the valuations of mines and mining property. The assessed valuation of the State is, therefore, approximately \$420,000,000.

The board's decision to levy \$500,000 for the State school fund was based on Section 2815, Title 11, of the Revised Statutes, 1913, which provides specifically for the levy of a sufficient tax to raise the sum of \$500,000 as a special fund for school purposes.

The increase in the amount to be raised over last year was due in part to provisions for deficits, all of which, it is stated, will be wiped out by this levy. The appropriations as made by the legislature were approximately the same as last year with the school fund cut to \$100,000. The appropriation for the University was increased somewhat over last year, as was also the fund for the Flagstaff Normal, and the maintenance of the Tempe Normal. There had also been an increase by reason of the power line to be constructed to the prison.

The appropriations made at the second special session were:

For additional judge for Maricopa county	\$2,000.00
Stenographers, office Secretary of State	300.00
State land commission	50,000.00
For old land commission	2,733.90
Creation of impost fund	5,000.00
Relief of flood districts, Apache and Navajo counties	40,000.00
Total	\$100,033.90

A Gross Libel on Local Bootleggers

The following story was published in the Arizona Republican and has led to an investigation by our local Sherlock Holmes, who reports that the said story is a gross libel on our citizenship and that the alleged bootlegger was from Phoenix, and not from Safford, as our bootleggers are too smart to be caught by such an old worn-out trick.

It was a dirty trick that was played on a young Safford citizen the other day. Like the Spartan youth, who, without outward evidence of pain, permitted a stolen fox to scratch out his vitals, the Safford young man will not admit that he has been hurt. He went to Lordsburg, N. M., as the representative of a syndicate of thirsty Safford souls, after a supply of whisky. He was bringing back twelve quart bottles in a valise. At Bowie, while waiting for the Arizona Eastern train, he attracted the attention of a stranger, who made a good guess at what the valise contained.

The stranger put his hand on the shoulder of the young man and said: "You are under arrest on a charge of bootlegging. You will appear before Justice So and So at 2:00 o'clock," pointing toward the office of the justice across the way. "In the meantime," continued the stranger, "I'll take charge of the valise and walked around on the other side of the train."

At 2:00 o'clock the young man from Safford presented himself in fear and trembling before the justice of the peace, who told him that he knew nothing about any bootlegging case that was to be brought before him. The prosecuting witness did not afterward appear nor was the valise seen again. In the meantime the train around which the stranger had disappeared with the evidence had pulled out for the west.

Virginia Minstrels, Richmond Quartette. Here Monday, August 23d. adv-26-1t

Dr. W. E. McWhirt arrived home last Thursday evening, after spending a month visiting with Mrs. McWhirt and children at Libertyville, Iowa, and a week at the Mayo

MANY NEW MEMBERS

Safford Chamber of Commerce Holds Regular Monthly Meeting

The Safford Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night in the court room, at the county court house, with a good attendance of members.

After the minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved, a resolution calling upon the board of supervisors to build the new road to Bonita through Stockton Pass, was introduced and agreed to.

The question of renaming the streets of the town was brought up and fully discussed, resulting in a petition to be gotten up by the Chamber of Commerce to be presented to the Town Council asking council to take up the matter of renaming the streets and have it accomplished at an early date.

Another petition was agreed upon to present to the Town Council for the purpose of securing a sewer system in the town, and if a sewer system was not feasible, to have the council pass an ordinance to have sanitary closets installed on all premises.

A petition was presented to have Town Council enforce ordinance to have all weeds cleared off the streets and lots of the town.

The matter of a night watchman was brought up and discussed and finally resulted in a petition to the Town Council to have a night watchman appointed.

The rules were suspended and the following new members were elected:

Benj. Blake, Lawrence Brier, J. W. Parker, Myron Allred, O. B. Lancaster, Vernon Foote, E. C. Broshers, Max Brenner, Frank Kirtland, G. G. Root, Alma Tate, W. I. Welker, Wm. Moore Clayton, Thomas Bell, R. W. Smith, B. W. McLaughlin, J. D. Goodman, J. R. S. Allen, George Zundell, Safford Garage, Standard Oil Co., Joseph B. Stratton, B. V. Pena, Charles Yett, Walter S. Massey, Judge A. G. McAlister, W. T. Bowman, H. A. McBeath, and R. S. Knowles, of Geronimo.

N. E. A. Headquarters for Ariz.

This year the National Educational Association holds its annual meeting in Oakland, California, August 16 to 28.

Headquarters for Arizona have been reserved at the Oakland Hotel, rooms 459, 460 and 462, a fine suite, located right in the center of the big educational encampment, with Pennsylvania and Illinois for next door neighbors.

From reports received at our office, a large delegation of Arizona teachers will attend the N. E. A. this year, and to these teachers and their friends is extended a most cordial invitation to call at our headquarters, register and make these headquarters their unrestricted rendezvous. The rooms will be open to all callers every day from the beginning to the end of the N. E. A. session.

C. O. CASE,
N. E. A. Director for Arizona.

Will Remodel Safford Theatre

Charles S. Gilpin has awarded the contract for the remodeling of the Safford Theatre to Arthur Jacobson, of Tucson. The work will commence next Monday.

The plans call for a cement brick building on the site of the present theatre next to the Best Drug Store. The building will have a frontage of 25 feet and a depth of 80 feet.

The inside walls will be plastered, stenciled and paneled. The front of the building will be 20 feet in height and will have a stucco finish, with an arch extending full width of building and electric lights in ceiling.

The theatre will be provided with 200 opera chairs, latest pattern, with hat racks and side arms.

When completed, Mr. Gilpin will have the swellest moving picture theatre in the southwest.

Advertise in THE GUARDIAN.

Despondency Due to Indigestion

"About three months ago when I was suffering from indigestion which caused headache and dizzy spells and made me feel tired and despondent, I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. George Hain, Macedon, N. Y. "This medicine proved to be the very thing I needed, as one day's treatment relieved me greatly. I used two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and they rid me of this trouble." For

PLEASED WITH VISIT

Board of Supervisors Return Home from Trip to El Paso, Texas

The committee of Graham county supervisors, which was to have returned to Safford, Ariz., Saturday, delayed departure until Sunday morning to thoroughly look over the section surrounding El Paso. Besides having several plans of a general nature for the proposed court house for the new county seat at Safford, the committee has tentative plans for other buildings which will be brought up in the future.

Accompanying the supervisors were Andrew Kimball, head of the Mormon colony in Graham county, known as St. Joseph Stake, and E. F. Glick, an architect of Tucson, representing Trost & Trost. Mr. Kimball returned Friday evening and Mr. Glick left on Sunday night.

George A. Foote of Safford, was the chairman of the committee, which also included James Quinn, of Klondyke, and George Matthews, of Fairview. Mr. Quinn is interested in the Klondyke country. He stated that he had not been in El Paso for ten years. "The changes are simply marvelous," said Mr. Quinn. "Of course, I can recognize the fact that all western cities are progressive, but I was not prepared for the advance made by El Paso. I am told that a large percentage of the splendid new buildings are of quite recent construction. But the changes in ten years, especially in the great residence section radiating from town, is more in keeping with Los Angeles and the larger coast cities than what one would expect of El Paso."

The supervisors were all deeply impressed with their trip to El Paso and carried back a number of photographs and booklets describing El Paso. "Now that we have found the way," said Mr. Foote, "we have to be more frequent visitors, and we do not doubt that the people of our section of Arizona will look to El Paso more and more for better business relations. We will be interested in telling our citizens of business opportunities in the El Paso country which surpass the opportunities offered by the cities of the coast which have been before us for a good many years with the most attractive features."

"We will attempt, in a small way, to model the future civic buildings of Graham county along the lines of the public and educational buildings of El Paso. The new high school is a credit to any city in the United States and undoubtedly will attract people from the entire southwest when its advantages are known in Arizona and New Mexico."—El Paso Herald.

FOR RENT—A nicely furnished room, with sleeping porch; also single room, modern conveniences. For particulars call at Railroad Section House. adv-26-1t

Blank Forms Are Now Ready

All the blank forms necessary for the making of applications to purchase or lease State lands have been prepared, and may now be obtained at the office of the State land department, Phoenix.

Letters of inquiry from prospective purchasers have been received in large numbers since the establishment of the new land code, and the arrival of the application blanks is expected to start business booming at the office of State Land Commissioner Moer.

According to an opinion recently handed down by the attorney general, one person can buy or lease 160 acres of agricultural land susceptible of irrigation, and also buy or lease 640 acres of grazing land, making 800 acres in all. As to whether or not a person can purchase up to the limit, then lease up to the limit in either class, is yet to be determined.

The attorney general has also ruled that a stockholder can purchase up to the limit in his own name, regardless of holdings by lease or purchase on the part of the company in which he may hold stock.

ASSESSMENTS RAISED

The State board of equalization has made the following raises in assessments in Graham county: All sheep, 50 cents a head; all mules, 20 per cent, and all milk cows, 10 per cent.

Virginia Minstrels, Dick Brown, the Black Honey Boy. Here Monday, August 23d. adv-26-1t

Mrs. J. N. Robinson and two children, of Globe, are visiting this week with Mrs. Robinson's parents,

APPEAL IS ISSUED BY PAN-AMERICA

Secretary Lansing Signs Appeal to Leaders of all
Factions in Mexico

TO STOP MEXICAN REVOLUTION

Carranza's Objection to Pan-American Method for Peace
Unnoticed by Conference

A dispatch from New York states that Secretary Lansing, on behalf of the United States government, and the diplomatic representatives of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala signed an appeal Wednesday addressed to the leaders of all factions in Mexico petitioning them in the name of humanity and national patriotism to cease their civil strife and assemble a peace conference.

The action, taken after a two-hour session, was not of a joint affair, but an identical and informal note expressing the views of their several governments that the condition of chaos in Mexico had endangered the prestige of the nation abroad and supplicating the Mexican leaders and generals to make a supreme effort to bring together all elements in the creation of a provisional government that can be given world-wide recognition.

Beyond this step Wednesday's session of the Pan American conference did not go, reserving until a later date consideration of the situation that may be created by a refusal of some of the factions to participate in a peace conference. There was no discussion, in fact, of eventualities, notwithstanding that press dispatches reported Carranza's outspoken objections to the Pan-American methods of settling Mexico's struggle. The assembled diplomats simply took the view that when their appeal, which is to be translated into Spanish in a day or two, is fully disclosed to General Carranza he will not misunderstand their purposes or accuse them, as he has, of attempting to interfere in the internal affairs of Mexico.

When the conference adjourned Wednesday night there was a feeling of optimism and confidence that a decisive step toward restoring Mexico to her place in the family of nations had been taken.

The appeal, which is brief and courteously phrased, calls upon the Mexicans to consider the injurious effect throughout the world which the constant turbulence in Mexico has caused and suggests that a peace conference be held on neutral territory in Mexico. The governments signing it express their willingness to act, if invited, in any practicable way to assist in bringing the factions together for the conference. The communication will be given the widest publicity throughout Mexico.

MARRIED IN WILLCOX

Miss Marguerite Richards Becomes the Bride of Howard Graham

The marriage of Howard Graham and Miss Marguerite Richards was solemnized at a quite wedding at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hamby, Thursday evening, July 29th, at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. Hamby officiated.

In order to surprise their friends, the wedding was not announced until Saturday, when the couple were given a joy ride in a cart down the main thoroughfare of the town.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richards, of Safford, being popular among her many friends in that town and Willcox, where she is well known.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Mary Graham and a valued employee of the Norton-Morgan Commercial Company. Howard is one of Willcox's most highly esteemed young men, and the News wishes for him and his bride much joy and success as they journey down life's pathway.

The young couple will reside at present at the home of the groom's mother on Haskell avenue.—Range News.

GEO. A. OLNEY IN TOWN

Geo. A. Olney, arrived in town from Phoenix Friday afternoon. Mr. Olney will remain here for several weeks, looking after his business interests.

Virginia Minstrels, Band and Calliope Concert. Here Monday